

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

Statement on the Resignation of Katherine J. Bedingfield and the Appointment of Ben LaBolt as White House Communications Director

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Since my time as Vice President, Kate has been a loyal and trusted adviser, through thick and thin. She was a critical strategic voice from the very first day of my Presidential campaign in 2019 and has been a key part of advancing my agenda in the White House. The country is better off as a result of her hard work, and I'm so grateful to her—and to her husband and two young children—for giving so much.

Ben has big shoes to fill. I look forward to welcoming him back as a first-rate communicator who's shown his commitment to public service again and again and who has a cutting-edge understanding of how Americans consume information. I saw him fight for Justice Jackson, and he put his all into helping us make history confirming our cabinet and subcabinet nominees. I'm proud to have him rejoin this team.

NOTE: The statement referred to David F. Kieve, husband, and Hugh and Margot, children, of outgoing Communications Director Bedingfield

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